

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

A current listing of the claims with status identifiers is as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A method for reducing media transmission latency by suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, the method comprising:
 - requesting a group call at a first communication device;
 - receiving a stream of media from the first communication device, wherein said stream of media comprises of one or more silence frames;
 - evaluating the stream of media to identify the one or more silence frames; and
 - automatically suppressing the one or more identified silence frames from the received stream of media.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said suppressing a silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that is in excess of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said suppressing the silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.

7. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium embodying a set of instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the set of instructions, the set of instructions comprising: ~~wherein the set of instructions when executed by one or more processors comprises:~~

a set of instructions for requesting a group call at a first communication device;

a set of instructions for receiving a stream of media from the first communication device,

a set of instructions for receiving a stream of media from the first communication device;

a set of instructions for evaluating the stream of media to identify the one or more silence

frames; and

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a set of instructions for automatically suppressing one or more identified silence frames from the received stream of media.

8. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.

9. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.

10. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.

11. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein said suppressing a silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that is in access of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.

12. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein said suppressing the silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.

13. (Previously presented) An apparatus for reducing media transmission latency by suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, comprising:

means for requesting a group call at a first communication device;

means for receiving a stream of media from the first communication device, wherein said stream of media comprises of one or more silence frames;

means for evaluating the stream of media to identify the one or more silence frames; and

means for automatically suppressing the one or more identified silence frames from the received stream of media.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for suppressing includes means for suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for suppressing includes means for suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for suppressing includes means for suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said means for suppressing a silence frame includes means for suppressing the silence frame that is in access of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said means for suppressing the silence frame includes means for suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.

19. (Previously presented) An apparatus for reducing media transmission latency by suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, comprising:

a receiver capable of receiving information;

a transmitter capable of transmitting information; and

a processor for evaluating the stream of media to identify the one or more silence frames;

and automatically suppressing one or more identified silence frames in the stream of media wherein:

the stream of media is received from a user and the silence frame from the received stream of media is suppressed.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said suppressing a silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that is in excess of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said suppressing the silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising buffering and then forwarding the suppressed stream of media.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 7 further comprising a set of instructions for buffering and then forwarding the suppressed stream of media.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for buffering and then forwarding the suppressed stream of media.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the processor further buffers and then forwards the suppressed stream of media.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether the stream of media includes one or more silence frames between successive media frames of the stream of media, each media frame including data; and
wherein the one or more silence frames are suppressed based on the determining step.

34. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the set of instructions when executed by one or more processors further comprises:

a set of instructions for determining whether the stream of media includes one or more silence frames between successive media frames of the stream of media, each media frame including data; and

wherein the one or more silence frames are suppressed based on the determining step.

35. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

means for determining whether the stream of media includes one or more silence frames between successive media frames of the stream of media, each media frame including data; and

wherein the one or more silence frames are suppressed based on the means for determining.

36. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the processor is further configured to determine whether the stream of media includes one or more silence frames between successive media frames of the stream of media, each media frame including data, and to suppress the one or more silence frames based on the determination.